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For : TWO-HYBRID ASSAY THAT DETECTS HIV-1 REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE DIMERIZATION

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO THE ACCOMPANYING §371 NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53

Applicants request that the following amendment be made in the above-identified application:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 9-41, and 48-59 without disclaimer or prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or divisional application.

Please amend claims 47 and 64 as follows:

A1 47. (Amended) The method of claim 43, wherein the HIV-1 reverse transcriptase is present in a subject and the contacting is effected by administering the compound to the subject

A2 64. (Amended) A compound which comprises the compound of claim 60 and a carrier.

REMARKS

This application is a §371 national stage of PCT International Application No. PCT/US01/18339, filed 6 June 2001, designating the United States of America, which is a continuation-in-part and claiming priority of U.S. Serial No. 09/588,939, filed June 6, 2000. Accordingly, the parent application, PCT International